Recreational facilities

17. Majority of military stations have been equipped with Auditoriums (Indoor/Outdoor) for the recreation of servicemen and their families. Adequate facilities in terms of sports have also been provided in all military stations for servicemen and their families.

Defence Planning Board

1823. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is planning to set up Defence Planning Board;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) what will be the main functions of the Board and by when it is likely to be set up?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Outstanding Bills against Andhra Pradesh Government for use of IAF Aircraft

1824. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air Headquarters had sent airlift bills to the tune of Rs. 3 crores to the Government of Andhra Pradesh for aircraft used during floods in the State in August, 2000;

(b) if so, whether the Government of Andhra Pradesh requested for waiver of above bills in view of drought conditions prevailing in the State; and

(c) if so, the details of the action by the Ministry in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The matter is being examined in the Ministry of Defence.